

Scouts Honor Two Local Men

Two Torrance men—one who has no children of his own, but has spent his life in youth work, and one, the second of Japanese ancestry ever to be so honored—were among 18 Scouters given the coveted Silver Beaver award "for outstanding service to boyhood."

Dr. Howard A. Wood, 1517 El Prado, and Paul Shinoda, 2716 Torrance Blvd., were given the award at the Los Angeles Area Council annual meeting held at the Biltmore Bowl last Tuesday.

Directors Named

Twelve newly-elected directors of the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were announced Friday by Charley Gotts, president.

Those elected will serve for one year and will select their officers at the next regular board of directors meeting on Wednesday in the Chamber of Commerce building, Gotts stated.

Building Permits

Torrance started off its building year with \$1,905,796 worth of permits issued during January, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the city engineer's office.

The figure was considerably below last January's record total of \$7,609,226, but at that time, construction in the city had been virtually halted by a sand and gravel strike in the preceding months.

Progress Report Due

Hailed as the most critical meeting in the current drive for funds to erect the new Little Company of Mary hospital, leaders in the campaign will gather Thursday morning to hear reports on progress of the campaign.

Headquarters spokesmen promise the release of news considered vitally important to all workers and the general public. Leaders in all phases of the effort to assure the new 125-bed hospital for Torrance are urged to attend the meeting at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at the Wayfarers' restaurant, Pacific Coast Hwy. in Lomita.

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DISCUSSING SALUTE . . . Torrance civic officials are shown above discussing radio station KCLA's "Salute to Torrance" planned for Feb. 18-23. The popular Southland station will "plug" Torrance 24 hours a day. TV Disc Jockey Dick Haynes is pictured here explaining the program to (left to right) Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, and City Councilmen Willys G. Blount and Nicholas O. Draie. The program is sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

March of Dimes

Whoever set the goal for the Torrance Mothers' March for polio, knew what he was doing, as local women collected \$10,024, just \$24 over the goal. Mrs. Enid Runsted, PTA chairman for the drive, said some 200 women collected funds from persons who left their porch lights on. She thanked all who contributed to the drive.

Bullets Halt Suspect

A theft suspect who vowed that he'd "rather die" than submit to arrest, changed his mind when officers fired several shots in his direction Wednesday night.

Det. Sgt. Ted Morris and Officer Don Hamilton said that Raymond E. Mosley, 26, of Hawthorne ran from a garage where he was being questioned about an allegedly worthless check he had given to the proprietor.

Tear Gas Ends Chase

Tear gas was used Saturday to capture a burglary suspect who had taken refuge from police under a house.

Richard T. Lloyd, 22, of Gardena, was taken into custody after he emerged gasping and crying from under a frame house at 17234 Crenshaw Blvd. He surrendered after a tear gas grenade and shell were fired into the 1 1/2-foot high enclosed area by Det. Sgt. Ted Morris.

The diminutive (5-foot, 145-pound) Lloyd scurried under the dwelling after he was chased by Officers Jim Foster and Tom Pattishall. They said they saw him leaving a gas station at 17330 Crenshaw Blvd. and that he ran when he spotted their patrol car.

Man Disturbing Church Rites Booked as Drunk

A 53-year-old transient may have had the right idea in going to church, Thursday, but members of the congregation at the Lomita Presbyterian Church didn't quite like the way he went about it.

Sheriff's deputies were called to the church to take care of Orville William Myers, who was creating a disturbance in the front row during the service. He was booked on charges of drunkenness.

Slingshot Artist Hits Local Health Center

A sharpshooting slingshot artist punched several holes in windows of the County Health Center at 2300 W. Carson St., police were informed Friday. Officers said that the holes were made by steel ball bearings used as slingshot missiles.

Korean Student Ends El Camino Studies, Transfers to Berkeley

With two years of education at El Camino College behind him, In Kwan Hwang left his friends in the South Bay area this week for new experiences at the University of California at Berkeley.

Two years ago, after serving four years with the Republic of Korea 5th Infantry Division, the 27-year-old Hwang arrived in the United States to study at ECC.

Able to speak little English upon arrival, Hwang has made remarkable progress and is now familiar with American customs and traditions.

Born in Korea, one of seven children, the international relations major amassed a B plus grade average at ECC and will attend the university next semester.

"I hope to enter the diplomatic service in Korea upon graduation," Hwang said. "Maybe if I'm lucky, I'll become Korean Ambassador to America," he smiled.

Although there were many things that impressed the lanky Korean upon arrival—including the quantity of cars and buildings—being able to see the Rose Bowl game and parade made a strong early impression.

Likes Rose Parade "Only in America could you see a parade like the Rose Bowl pageantry," Hwang exclaimed with enthusiasm. Hwang's decision to enter Berkeley came early during the fall semester. He was undecided between the University of California at Los Angeles or the parent school, and finally felt it best to travel and see more of California.

After a prolonged correspondence with the help of the ECC director of student personnel, Marl F. Sloan, Hwang received needed information and encouragement to initiate his latest adventure.

Youth Sponsored Gardena's Rotary Club also aided and sponsored the Korean youth, who had to travel 7000 miles to reach his first destination. His rainy day arrival with two small bags as

Three Officers New Sergeants On Local Force

Three veteran Torrance police officers have been promoted to the rank of sergeant effective Feb. 1, it was announced yesterday by City Manager George Stevens.

Gustav R. Rethwisch, Hyman "Mickey" Fischer, and Donald E. Nash received the promotions after successfully completing Civil Service examinations.

Rethwisch will be sergeant of the afternoon shift in the juvenile bureau; Fischer relief sergeant of the patrol; and Nash the afternoon traffic sergeant, according to Assistant Chief Percy Bennett.

his sole possessions was recalled nostalgically this week by those who noted his first appearance on campus in 1955.

When Hwang returns to Seoul, he will gain another year. Actually he is 27, but in Korea, infants are considered one year old at birth.

Hwang also erased all doubts to the authenticity of his becoming Americanized when he briskly added, "I don't like rice. I'm American now."

No Gold in Streets His early reactions to the United States reflected both amazement and disappointment. "I thought that there would be gold in the streets," he laughed, "but someone must have gotten here before me," he lamented.

The "Korean Coolie," as he was affectionately called by his co-workers at a local restaurant where he worked full-time while attending classes last semester, summarized his impressions of this country by saying, "Americans work harder than Koreans."

Local Firm President On Highway Committee Appointment of Robert A. Bartley, president, Warren Southwest, Inc., Torrance, to the Southern District Highway Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce was announced today by Emerson Spear, regional vice president of the statewide organization.

Teen-Age Dance Slated Friday by Homeowners

A teen-age dance, sponsored by the Southwest Park Civic Assn., will be held Friday night in the Carl Steele School cafeteria from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Dancing to records will be featured and all teen-agers are welcome. There will be a donation to get in and prizes will be given for dance contests.

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Officers to Hear Report

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Attending from Torrance will be Manager Dean L. Sears, John A. Tweedy, C. E. Clark, Y. J. Melanson, Guy T. Mason, H. T. Scriver, T. Mackie, G. L. Cooke, and R. L. Robinson. The meeting will be held in Long Beach.

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